

DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
555 SO. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
2:00 P.M.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors' Organizational meeting minutes of January 11, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce plans for the 16th Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration at a news conference Thursday, January 28, 10:00 a.m., 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement. Public Works/Utilities/Broadband Enterprise.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Local attorney's award-winning musical returns to Lincoln.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 16001 approved by the Acting Planning Director on January 19, 2016.
2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for Thursday, February 2, 2016, 3:00 p.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 210.

VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Board of Health - Raybould
2. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Raybould
3. Parks and Rec Advisory Committee - Christensen
4. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) - Christensen, Fellers, Eskridge
5. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
6. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Lamm

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Painting the City Council office.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Correspondence from Bob Wall, Interim Purchasing Agent, on the Construction Management RFP.
 - a) Councilman Camp responding to Bob Walla, Purchasing, regarding the Construction Management RFP.

2. Article in the Wall Street Journal, “Despite Cuts, More Pension Woes”.
3. Councilman Camp’s correspondence explaining a proposed amendment to the City Charter relating to contracts for professional services.
 - a) Proposed resolution.
 - b) Councilwoman Lamm thanking Councilman Camp for providing the proposed Charter amendment.

LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD

1. Article “NASA Explains Why You Should Live On A Tree-Lined Street - And A Tree-Lined City”.

CYNDI LAMM

1. Councilwoman Lamm responding to Beau Bullock on the condition of City parks.

X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from Diane Walkowiak asking Council to look into saving the Telephone Pioneer Museum.

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: January 27, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce plans for the City's 16th annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, January 28 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works/Utilities / Broadband Enterprise

DATE: 1/15/16

On Dec. 17, 2015, The City Council approved the historic Fiber to the Home project with Allo Communications. Allo project will constructing a 100% fiber optics-based infrastructure past every home and business in Lincoln over the next four years. The Allo Fiber to the Home (FTTH) infrastructure will provide ultra-high speed broadband, cable television and voice services to business and residential customers in Lincoln. In order to build this infrastructure, the City has agreed to assist Allo in the construction of the new infrastructure and has created three agreements (Broadband Franchise, Cable Franchise and Conduit Lease) to govern the construction of the system. In support of this project, Public Works requests the creation of four new positions (two inspectors and two locators) and the purchase of the necessary equipment as requested in this transfer ordinance.

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited Projected Completion Date _____

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) 2 Inspectors & 2 Locators (FY 2015-16 Approx 6 months)		
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: 78570 Broadband Enterprise object code description	\$165,000	\$330,000
SUPPLIES business unit: 78570 Broadband Enterprise object code description	12,000	24,000
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: 78570 Broadband Ent. object code description	303,358	254,144
EQUIPMENT business unit: 78570 Broadband Enterprise object code description	106,000	0
DEBT SERVICE business unit: 78570 Broadband Enterprise object code description	10,000	45,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$596,358	\$653,144

SOURCE OF REVENUES Franchise Fees

DIRECTOR Thomas S. Shy DATE 1/25/16

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>by Melinda Jones</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>by Melinda Jones</u>	DATE <u>1/25/16</u>

APPROVED: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>1/28/16</u>

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte's the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 28, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**LOCAL ATTORNEY'S AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
RETURNS TO LINCOLN**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that "Civil War Voices" will return to Lincoln for the City's annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration in February. The musical, written by local attorney and playwright Jim Harris, will be presented February 11 through 21 at the Haymarket Theatre, 803 "Q" Street. The presenting sponsor is Cornhusker Bank, and the production is supported by the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Additional funding is provided by local businesses, organizations and individuals.

After the 2008 original workshop of "Civil War Voices" at Doane College in Crete, the musical was presented to a sold-out audience at the Lied Center as part of the City's Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration in 2009. It has since been presented in 14 states, and has been through two major revisions.

In 2010, "Civil War Voices" won six awards, including Best Production of a Musical, at the Midtown International Theater Festival in New York City. The Tony Award-winning Barter Theater of Abingdon, Virginia produced the show and took the musical on a 26-city national tour in 2011. In 2014, the musical was produced to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of New York's venerable University Club. It was also produced in concert at the National Arts Club in New York City in 2015.

"After seven years of performances in the east and south, it's exciting to bring the newest version of this outstanding home-grown musical back to Lincoln," Mayor Beutler said. "It is important that we keep Civil War history alive and make sure new generations understand the lessons of this critical time in our nation's history. Jim has written this musical using the actual words of real people who lived through the Civil War era, and people of all ages can identify with their stories."

Eight performances are scheduled: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 through 13 and Feb. 18 through 20, and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. February 14 and 21. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at haymarkettheatre.org. (Messages can be left at 402-477-2600, but calls may not be answered for up to 24 hours.)

The public is invited to a free pre-show birthday party at the theatre from 5:30 to 7 p.m. opening night, Thursday, February 11. It will feature free birthday cake, historical exhibits and music from local favorite Chris Sayre, who has performed at every City Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration. No ticket is required to attend the party, but a ticket is required for those attending the 7:30 p.m. performance.

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The musical focuses on five individuals who lived through the Civil War. A key figure is Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave who bought her freedom and became Mary Todd Lincoln's personal assistant and closest friend in the White House. She will be portrayed by Omaha singer and actress Camille Metoyer Moten (musicbycamille.com).

Harris will portray his great-great uncle Joe Harris, an Alabamian who kept a Civil War diary in which he revealed his conflicting feelings about the war. Local actors Patrick and Rachel Kornfeld-Lambrecht will portray President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. Other area performers featured in the production are Zach Kloppenborg, Matthew Landis, Laurie Martinez, LaVance Reed, Mark Thornburg and Kayla Wilkens.

Noted composer Mark Hayes (markhayes.com) of Kansas City wrote all new arrangements of traditional melodies for "Civil War Voices." The production is directed by Rob McKercher, Chair of the Doane College Theater Department, who directed the original workshop in 2008. The Musical Director and accompanist is Gretchen Foley.

The musical will be presented by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing Company, which published the show in 2014.

More information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov or by calling 402-441-7831. More information on the musical is available at civilwarvoices.com.

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Media notes: To arrange interviews with Jim Harris, Mark Hayes or Rob McKercher, contact Diane Gonzolas, 402-525-1520 or dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov. You may also contact Diane to arrange rehearsal video or photos.





Memorandum

Date: ♦ January 26, 2016
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Mayor Chris Beutler
Planning Commission
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from January 19, 2016 through January 25, 2016:

Administrative Amendment No. 16001 to Use Permit No. 123E, Landmark Corporate Center, approved by the Planning Director on January 19, 2016, requested by Olsson Associates, to transfer 50,000 square feet of "Retail" from Lot 13 to Lot 16 and 60,000 square feet of "Warehouse" from Lot 16 to Lot 13, generally located at N. 33rd Street and Ox Bow Circle.

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URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will have a regularly scheduled public meeting on Thursday, **February 2, 2016**, at **3:00 p.m.** in Room 210 on the 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

1. Approval of UDC meeting record of January 5, 2016.

DISCUSS AND ADVISE

2. Antelope Square redevelopment project, 22nd & Q St. vicinity. (Brett West, Assurity)
3. Staff Report & misc.

*Urban Design Committee's agendas
may be accessed on the Internet at
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards>*

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Proposition 1--City Charter Amendment

From: Cyndi Lamm

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 10:57 AM

To: Jon Camp; Trenton J. Fellers; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Carl B. Eskridge;
Roy A. Christensen; Jane Raybould

Subject: RE: Proposition 1--City Charter Amendment

Jon,

Thank you for providing us with this copy of the proposed Charter Amendment. Also, I appreciate that you provided the proposal to the mayor for his consideration.

Cyndi Lamm

Mary M. Meyer

From: Robert L. Walla
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 5:00 PM
To: Jon Camp
Cc: Denise K. Pearce
Subject: Construction Management RFP

Councilman Camp,

Following our phone conversation yesterday I spent some time reviewing the Specifications and other documents associated with RFP 16-023 – Construction Management Services. In my review there are several subjects which may explain the process followed and ultimately to select a company to do this work for the City.

- The RFP was issued on 12/31/15 and closed on 1/19/16, it was on the ebid site for a total of 18 days and 21 hours. It was also posted in the Lincoln Journal Star in the Public Notice section.
- I selected Vendors who were registered in the ebid system to receive notices for Consulting Services, Architectural Services - Professional, Architectural Services – Non- Professional, and Engineering Services – Professional. A total of 821 notices went out to these registered vendors.
- The fact that only three companies responded to the RFP was not because we did not attempt to reach out to as many Vendors as possible.
- The Specification and Addendum information was not intended to indicate that only a firm which specializes in Construction Management Service is the only type of company eligible. Statements regarding AE and Construction Firms not being allowed to inspect the work they prepared were included in order to ensure that proper oversight by a professional is provided with no conflict of interest.
- The Selection Committee for this RFP will score and consider all three firms who submitted a proposal. If Sampson or HDR are determined to be the most qualified for the CM contract, and a contract is executed with them, arrangements will be made to find a CM from another firm for the particular project which they are also providing the design or construction services.
- I believe that a one year contract with the option for three one-year renewals was the proper method for contracting a service which has not been through the RFP process in the past. This allows for review each year at the time of renewal to determine if services are being provided as-needed, or the City should revise the requirements and issue a new RFP.

I hope this explanation gives you a better understanding of the process. My goal for this RFP and any other procurement function is to provide an open, fair and transparent process which will give the City, County and PBC the best products and services at the lowest cost. If you have questions regarding this email or any other procurements, please contact me. Thank you.

Bob Walla

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Mary M. Meyer

To: Bob Walla
Cc: Denise K. Pearce
Subject: Construction Management RFP

Bob:

Thank you for your email and accompanying explanation on the Construction Management RFP.

I must disagree with you on several points:

1. There is no reason to suspect applicants will not perform and thus indicate a one year contract is justified. These are "pre-qualified" firms and if there is doubt on their capabilities, then they should not be "pre-qualified".
2. These projects will span several years and just like an architectural firm or construction firm, one does not create a one-year contract and then evaluate and possibly "change horses mid-stream".
3. Contracts will have clauses dictating penalties for failure to perform, again refuting the use of a one-year contract.
4. The use of a one-year contract reduces, if not eliminates, full disclosure and accountability, especially because the selection process is totally controlled by the Administration. Multi-year contracts must be approved by the City Council and, unfortunately, I suspect the "one year contract" is another way to circumvent Process, Accountability, Communication and Transparency (PACT. . .that was the purpose for my recent legislation).
5. Inclusion of 15 projects was justified in an email Rick Hoppe, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, as a way to save on costs. . .but doing a one-year contract only increases costs for the re-evaluation.
 - a. Further, because of the inclusion of 15 contracts, the pool of available applicants, which is quite evident in that only 3 entities responded out of your 821 notices, was greatly restricted when one also looks at the requirements of the RFP
 - b. For example, the construction manager is NOT allowed to provide construction services—Sampson Construction has to disqualify itself on several projects in which it is involved including the Woods Tennis Center and the Schwarz Paper Building and several others.
 - c. A point of interest is that Sampson Construction is a highly respected firm and has successfully constructed many of Lincoln's fire stations and may very well be a good construction firm for the proposed 4 new stations.
 - d. This negates any economies of scale since multiple construction managers would be necessary should Sampson Construction be selected.
6. The RFP, by including 15 projects, ignores the reality that a construction manager is not always needed
 - a. Architectural firms now have construction management and oversight departments
 - b. Smaller projects, such as the Woods Tennis Center, will face "increased" costs with the addition of another layer of bureaucracy
7. I again repeat my concern that this RFP and its terms highly favor one applicant to the detriment of many other highly qualified firms

Finally, I repeat my request that this RFP be withdrawn.

Jon

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MARKETS

Despite Cuts, More Pension Woes

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin prepares another state pension overhaul



Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, shown on Jan. 7, is planning an overhaul of the state's troubled pension plans. *PHOTO: TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/ASSOCIATED PRESS*

By **TIMOTHY W. MARTIN**

Updated Jan. 26, 2016 8:23 p.m. ET

Kentucky's new governor is preparing a fresh overhaul of the state's pension plans, a sign of greater pain coming in states that already implemented rounds of cutbacks after the financial crisis.

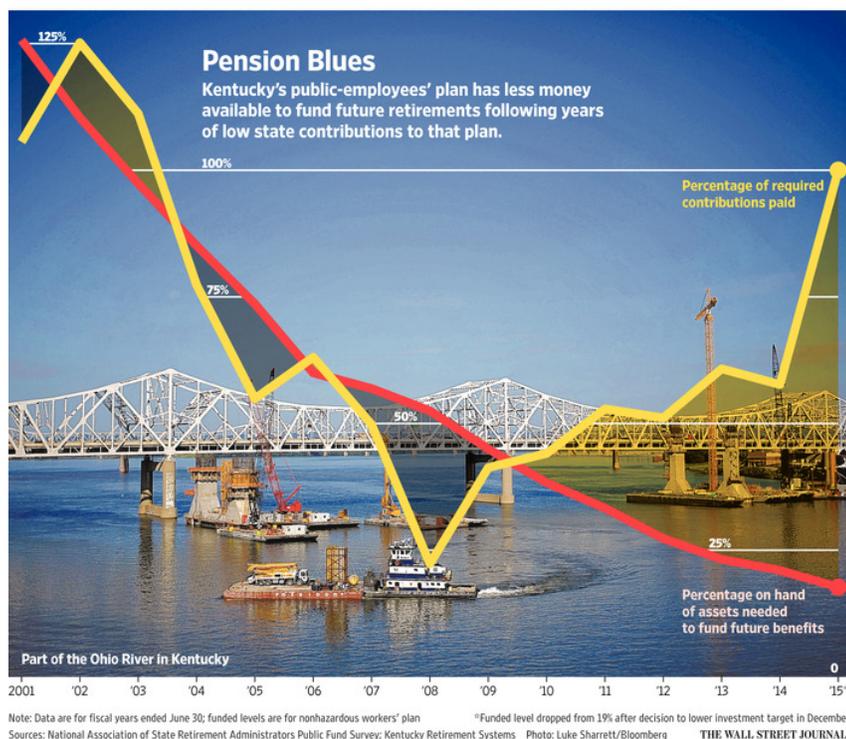
Three years after trimming benefits to head off a looming funding gap, the Bluegrass State has less than half of the money it needs to fund future obligations for about 345,000 public employees and retirees. One of its plans has just 17.7%, making it the worst-funded U.S. pension of the past 15 years. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services cut the state's bond rating to the nation's third-lowest in September, citing mounting retirement liabilities.

Kentucky represents a painful reality across the U.S. as public retirement plans try to

close a \$1 trillion funding gap made worse by the recent downswing in the markets. States that pushed through benefit cuts after 2008 financial crisis are planning a second wave of reductions for public employees after the initial moves failed to alleviate funding woes.

In Pennsylvania, state officials are considering an increase in worker contributions and placing some employees into a 401(k)-style plan, just several years after cuts to cost-of-living-adjustment increases to retirees and higher retirement ages didn't soothe matters. In Oregon, a key component of its 2013 pension overhaul was struck down by state courts, meaning lawmakers must again find another path to saving billions.

Kentucky Republican Matt Bevin won the race for governor in November after signaling he wanted to reshape the state pension systems again. During a Tuesday budget speech in Frankfort, Ky., he proposed a special fund to pay down pension debt.



The governor in a separate interview said he wants to complete an audit of the state's pension plans by summer and then propose deeper pension cuts by early 2017. He said he believes new hires should be placed onto 401(k)-style accounts instead of defined-benefit pension plans that offer guaranteed payouts.

“We have to deal with reality,” Mr. Bevin said. “Everything is on the table, absolutely.”

Pensions across the U.S. ran into problems because benefits were sweetened in fat times, investments soured or lawmakers skirted requisite payments. Kentucky suffered from all three.

Some of the state's current woes can be traced to 1996, when lawmakers buoyed by years of double-digit returns agreed to give retirees an annual cost-of-living increase. Two years later, some state workers were offered a 10% boost to benefits if they retired early, lowering the annual payroll but inflating long-term costs.

But lawmakers didn't provide an additional way to fund that benefit boost, such as increasing annual worker or employer contributions or levying new taxes. Instead they banked on robust investment profits.

Then, Kentucky lawmakers tightened the flow of money into the state's pension plans starting in 2004. The most severe underfunding occurred with the public-employees plan, where lawmakers withheld more than \$2.5 billion in contributions over the past decade.

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- Stock Market Tumble Could Keep Pension Funds Behind (<http://www.wsj.com/articles/APaccedc04ae004e87bc6bc98b29759661>) (Jan. 2)

decline in the state's coal industry plus a slowdown in certain manufacturing jobs motivated lawmakers to redirect funds elsewhere, said Jason Bailey, executive director of the nonprofit Kentucky Center for Economic Policy.

Over the next nine years, the situation worsened for the public-employees' plan. Lawmakers never once made a full payment. In 2008, they paid just 22 cents for every \$1 the public-employees' plan should have received. Teachers and county-worker pension plans, the other two large funds, also received less.

The state's investment choices widened the funding gap as officials moved aggressively into nontraditional assets such as private equity and hedge funds around the mid-2000s and deemphasized stocks and bonds. They missed out on big years in the public markets following the 2008 crisis and returns have trailed pension-industry benchmarks.

The Kentucky Retirement System's five pension plans have a 10-year annualized return of 6.05% through June 30, 2015. The median return for public pensions was 6.6%, according to Callan Associates.

The 2013 changes championed by then-Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, included permanently halting pension rises for retirees and cycling some public workers onto a "cash-balance" plan that provides a retirement benefit more tied to financial markets.

But the gap between the state's pension assets and liabilities only became larger. It rose to \$30 billion in 2015, up \$4 billion from 2012.

"The goal is just to not run out of money," said David Peden, a 39-year-old lifelong Kentuckian who manages investments for five of the state's eight pension plans. "Since I've gotten here, it basically went from being a bad situation to a dire one."

Mr. Peden oversees \$11.5 billion in assets and the retirements of about 230,000 public workers and retirees. His biggest headache is managing the public-employees plan, which covers corrections officers, bridge engineers and other state workers. In 2001, its assets covered more than 120% of what it owed to retirees. Now, they cover just 17.7%.

The state doesn't have a lot of time. Based on a report from its investments consultant, the public-employees' plan has a 50/50 shot over the next two decades of hitting such financial distress that it would be forced to shift much of its portfolio to cash.

"I just know every time the market is doing what it's doing now, that's probably taking a year off of the cushion," Mr. Peden said.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Trenton J. Fellers; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Carl B. Eskridge; Roy A. Christensen; Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould
Cc: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Proposition 1--City Charter Amendment
Attachments: 2016-01-25--16R-PROPOSITION 1 redlined-final version.docx

Importance: High

Dear Colleagues:

Attached you will find the resolution that will be on first reading Monday, February 1, 2016, containing an amendment to the City Charter.

After full consideration of my efforts at enacting legislation on professional contracts since last August, 2015, I decided the best approach would be to have a measure on the May 10, 2016 ballot that will allow the citizens to enact Proposition 1 and add some "balance" to the executive and legislative branches.

The language makes minor changes and would allow "discretionary power" for the City Council to (1) enact procedures for the selection of professional services contracts by the mayor and department heads, (2) exemptions, and (3) monetary levels above which City Council approval is required.

My goal is not to delay the process but rather (1) enact the process current in the EO, and (2) require City Council approval IF AND ONLY IF the mayor would want to choose a vendor that was not selected under the process. I also will want to enact the reporting requirements in my current legislation.

These goals are in harmony with discussions I have had with Mayor Beutler and members of the Council. Mayor Beutler is reviewing the proposal and I am hopeful he will also lend his support.

In conclusion, I welcome discussion and further emphasize my goal of achieving PACT. . .Process, Accountability, Communication and Transparency.

Thank you for your consideration of this Resolution which will have vote on February 8, 2016.

Jon

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RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article XI, Section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, a proposed Charter amendment may be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors at an election proposed by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1. That at the statewide primary election to be held in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 2016, there shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for adoption or rejection, the following proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Lincoln (hereinafter "PROPOSITION 1"):

PROPOSITION 1:

Amend Article VII, Section 2 of the Charter relating to contracts for professional services, to provide that the City Council may, by ordinance, establish procedures and criteria to be followed by the mayor, department heads, and the purchasing division in selecting persons, firms, or other entities to provide professional services and in making and approving awards and contracts therefor.

ARTICLE VII**CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES**

Sec. 2. Purchasing Division, Powers and Duties. The purchasing division, in making any purchase in the amount of \$25,000.00 or more, or any other department or agency, in making any contract committing the city to any expenditure of \$25,000.00 or more, shall advertise for formal sealed bids to be opened in public and to be the basis for awards. All advertisements soliciting bids shall be published at least once in the official paper of the city, if there be one, and if there be no official newspaper, then in at least one daily newspaper published and in general circulation in the city. Purchases and contracts involving the expenditure of less than \$25,000.00 may be made without calling for formal sealed bids, but at least three informal bids shall be secured and recorded if practicable.

Competitive bidding shall not be required in purchasing unique or noncompetitive articles ~~or in contracting for professional services~~. Competitive bidding shall also not be required in contracting for professional services, but the council may, from time to time, by ordinance, establish procedures and criteria to be followed by the mayor, department heads, and the purchasing division in selecting persons, firms, or other entities to provide such professional services and making awards of contracts therefor, and may include therein (a) reasonable exceptions to compliance with such procedures and criteria and (b) monetary thresholds beyond which council approval is required to make such awards. The mayor, or council by the affirmative vote of six of its members, or by a unanimous vote, if fewer than six but at least four members are present, may waive the competitive bidding requirement if such waiver is necessary to meet an emergency threatening serious loss of life, health or property in the community.

The city council may by unanimous vote of the members present authorize the purchase of supplies or the expenditure of funds for the operation or maintenance of any utility operated by the city without estimate or advertising for bids, in which event supplies so authorized may be purchased in the open market. The mayor may, without formal sealed bids, authorize the construction of public works and utilities infrastructures by private entities when the city's payment of reimbursement or subsidies for such construction does not exceed \$100,000.00.

All awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The city council shall by ordinance establish those criteria to be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder. The city shall always have the power to reject all bids and to readvertise if it wishes to do so. The mayor may delegate the execution of any purchase, contract award, or other document which has a direct financial impact to the city of less than \$25,000.00.

The city may require that successful bidders provide good and sufficient bonds of appropriate types to ensure deliveries and faithful performance in connection with the purchases or contracts involved.

The provisions of this section shall govern and apply notwithstanding any existing provisions of this charter to the contrary.

Said PROPOSITION 1 shall be submitted to the qualified electors as a Charter amendment of Article VII, Section 2 on the ballot and shall be printed on said ballot in the following form:

"CHARTER AMENDMENT -- AMEND ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2 OF THE CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY, BY ORDINANCE, ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE MAYOR, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN SELECTING PERSONS, FIRMS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND IN MAKING AND APPROVING AWARDS AND CONTRACTS THEREFOR.

SHALL ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY, BY ORDINANCE, ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE MAYOR, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THE PURCHASING DIVISION

IN SELECTING PERSONS, FIRMS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND IN MAKING AND APPROVING AWARDS AND CONTRACTS THEREFOR.

VOTE FOR or AGAINST

- I vote FOR the proposed amendment.
- I vote AGAINST the proposed amendment."

2. That the City Clerk of the City of Lincoln is hereby directed to publish with her official certification, three times, and a week apart, the full text of the PROPOSITION 1 to be voted upon, as required by law, all as required by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

3. That the Mayor be and hereby is directed to proclaim and give notice that at the statewide general election to be held in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016, there will be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for adoption or rejection, PROPOSITION 1 set forth in Section 1 hereof, and the City Clerk is directed to publish the said proclamation as provided by law.

4. That the City Clerk of the City of Lincoln is further directed to certify to the Election Commissioner of Lancaster County on or before March 1, 2016 the submission of PROPOSITION 1 for inclusion on the May 10, 2016 statewide Primary Election ballot and to procure the necessary ballots and to make all other arrangements for the same.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form and Legality:

City Attorney

<p>Approved this ___ day of _____, 2016:</p> <p>_____ Mayor</p>
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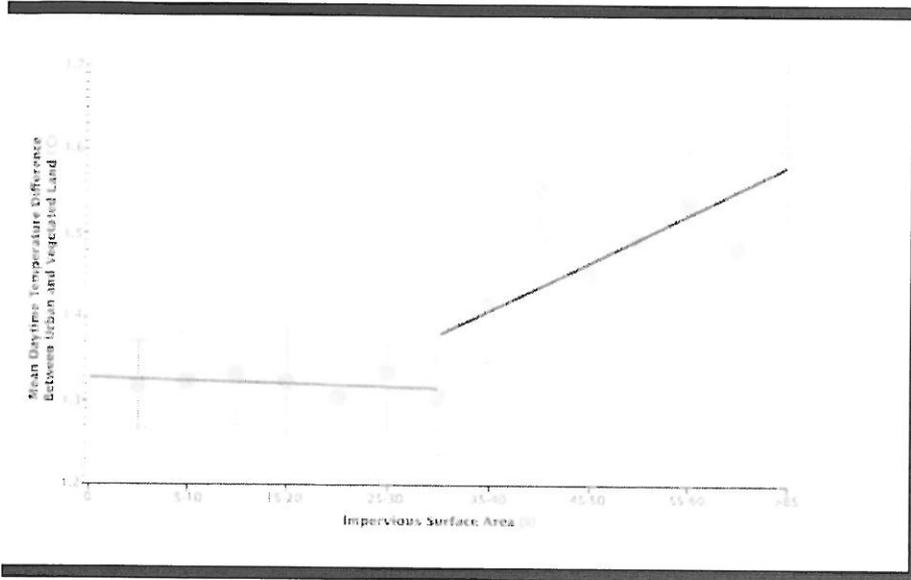
NASA Explains Why You Should Live On A Tree-Lined Street—And A Tree-Lined City

Just get more trees in your life.

Forget global warming. Well, don't forget it completely, because it's probably going to kill us all. But forget it for a moment, while we take a look at another climate-related effect: city warming. A new NASA study shows that trees and plant-life are essential to keeping our cities cool and not just because they're nice to sit under on a sunny day.

Cities are like giant storage heaters made up of what NASA calls "impervious surfaces"—roads, buildings, concrete. This causes what's known as the urban heat island effect, where a city's temperature is set a few degrees above the surrounding countryside thanks to the heat retention of all that city infrastructure.

But the new study shows that the amount of green space in the city has a big effect on just how hot our urban heat islands get.



"Everybody thinks, 'urban heat island, things heat up.' But it's not as simple as that," said research scientist Kurtis Thome, co-author of the paper. "The amount and type of vegetation plays a big role in how much the urbanization changes the temperature."

What the team found is that trees and other vegetation are essential for keeping our cities cool. Trees naturally cool the air by a process called evapotranspiration. It's a process plants undergo that's a little similar to sweating, in that released water vapor carries off heat.



In their model, based on observation of real cities using satellite and temperature data, the researchers found that when the area of the impervious surfaces reaches 35% of the total (the other 65% being vegetation cover), things go haywire. Up until that point, the urban area stays at a constant 1.3°C above the surrounding area. Above it, that difference increases as the vegetation is stripped away, "reaching 1.6°C warmer by 65% urbanization." That might not sound like much, but one degree is enough to push up air-conditioning use by up to 20%.

Noteworthy is the fact that fancier, tree-lined neighborhoods with gardens and well-tended lawns can be a couple of degrees lower than less-wooded areas. The effect is so strong that in cities built in the desert, "the urban area actually has a cooling effect because of irrigated lawns and trees that wouldn't be there without the city."

As our cities grow, and green spaces are replaced with more impervious surfaces, their temperatures rise too. The answer is pretty straightforward: more trees and plants means cooler cities. And more trees also mean a more pleasant city environment for those living there. We just have to figure out how to build cities and plant trees at the same time.

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CHARLIE SORREL

Previously found writing at Wired.com, Cult of Mac and Straight No filter. Continued

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September 8, 2015 | 12:47 PM

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FASTEXIST 4 MONTHS AGO

Mary M. Meyer

From: Cyndi Lamm
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 2:27 PM
To: beau bullock
Cc: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: RE: Parks

Beau,

Thank you so much for your correspondence about mowing city parks. It is clear that you are frustrated about the problem, and rightly so. It is so important that children throughout the city, yours included, be able to experience the beauty and exercise associated with our city parks.

Your email is timely as the city departments prepare budget proposals for the upcoming biennial budget. Accordingly, I am forwarding a copy of your email to the other city council members and also to Mr. Johnson at Lincoln Parks and Rec.

Thank you again for your email. Please feel free to write or call me regarding this or other issues that you wish to discuss.

Respectfully,
Cyndi Lamm
Lincoln City Council
District 1/Northeast

From: beau bullock [beaubullock135@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2016 12:36 PM
To: Cyndi Lamm
Subject: Parks

I have a complaint for the city, so I thought I'd write you. I have fond memories as a child of playing at our city parks. I have a three year old child who will never know the same. sure we can go to the playground and that's nice but why in the world would the city stop mowing the parks, I understand that at some point the city wanted to save a little cash but its unbelievable to me that all kinds of money can go into developing downtown and building arenas yet my kid has to walk trough knee deep (sometimes waist deep) grass if we go through a park yet if I wanted to go get drunk (which I do not do) there would be no shortage of outlets or entertainment while I go out and make a bunch bad decisions. I guess its clear who gets to choose where the money is spent. Children have no voice in the say and with television and video games ECT.. Already making children/families lazy and complacent it seems taking away one of the main community places for them to go do activities aside from isolated couch life is the nail in the coffin to drive us towards an obese socially awkward existence. Please start to mow again as in the days past, minimum wage for a teen summer job plus gas for a mower can't be that much. And the results of a community with access to play outside could be monumental. Our residents are subject to sitcoms and reality television for entertainment. A afternoon enjoying the weather having a picnic or flying a kite is a thing of the past not because nobody likes to do it but because the city has defunded the places you do that sort of thing.

Sent from my Windows Phone

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Diane Walkowiak
Address: 1600 Sioux St
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402-613-9132
Fax:
Email: dwalkowiak2@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

I am concerned about the future of the Frank H. Woods Telephone Pioneer Museum. This museum contains over 500 old telephone and related artifacts, many of them unique and irreplaceable. They show the progression of telephone technology, especially as it relates to Lincoln and southeast Nebraska. It would be a shame to lose this community asset.

Something needs to be done soon! The museum's current lease expires March 31st. Without an extension on that lease, the museum will need to start packing and moving next month - a bad time of the year weather-wise, and with no large climate controlled space to move to.

Ideally the museum should be kept intact and become a part of the Telegraph District, which was named to honor the history of the telephone industry. What a wonderful branding tool the museum would be! It would make sense to house it on the lower floor of the former LT&T warehouse across the street - it even says "Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph" on the building's exterior.

The building currently containing the museum is part of Phase II of the development, so there are no immediate plans for the building, especially since SCC has shown interest in the area and it will take time to make that a reality.

The lease needs to be extended to allow time to explore options. Nelnet and Speedway and other interested parties then need to explore how the museum can be included as part of the Telegraph District development.

Please do what you can to preserve the Telephone Museum - a valuable educational resource, tourist attraction, and a touchstone to the history of our city. Thank you!

**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Family storytime to celebrate Chinese New Year.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of January 30, 2016 through February 5, 2016.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER

1. City crews prepare for snow, Sunday, January 31, 2016.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

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2. Response to Mr. Curtis Wiebe on Charter Amendment, Proposition 1 on professional service contracts.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 29, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Julie Beno, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8535

FAMILY STORYTIME TO CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

The public is invited to join Lincoln City Libraries in celebrating the Chinese New Year at the Family Storytime session at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 31 at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St.

The celebration commemorating the Year of the Monkey will feature Valerie Kuo, a native of Taiwan who came to the U.S. 10 years ago. Kuo will share how the Chinese New Year is celebrated in her home country, read stories and introduce cultural traditions. The Lincoln Chinese School students will be special guests at the celebration, performing music and dance routines following the storytime session. Light refreshments will also be served.

The event is free to the public. No registration is required.

More information about Lincoln City Libraries is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

Date: January 29, 2016

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of January 30 through February 5, 2016
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, February 2

- Pancakes for Pediatric Cancer Action Network - 5 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall), 3825 Wildbriar (near Highway 2 and Old Cheney Road)

Wednesday, February 3

- John Breslow Ice Hockey Center dedication, remarks - 1:30 p.m., 433 "V" St.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: City Prepares for Snow

CITY CREWS PREPARE FOR SNOW

The National Weather Service has issued a blizzard watch for the area starting early tomorrow evening. City crews have been activated in preparation for the storm. Tonight (Sunday) at 8 p.m. crews will begin brine pretreatment of emergency snow routes, major arterials and bus and school routes. In addition, city staff will be preparing material spreaders and plows in anticipation of the storm.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Director Jim Davidsaver will participate in a conference call with the National Weather Services at 6 p.m. this evening. He will be available to talk to the media at 7 p.m. at the Emergency Management offices at 233 S. 10th Street. For access into the building, call 402-441-7441.

Media interested in getting video or photos of crews preparing for the storm can be at the City of Lincoln Municipal Services Center at 901 West Bond at 8 p.m. tonight.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow). If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Email on Charter Amendment

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 10:56 AM
To: jrownd@windstream.net
Cc: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Email on Charter Amendment

John

Thank you for your email regarding the Proposition 1, the proposal that is before the Lincoln City Council, which would amend the City Charter to provide the citizens with greater accountability and balance between the mayor/administration and the City Council.

As this measure proceeds, please consider how this will provide the citizens of Lincoln with "PACT" . . .namely Process, Accountability, Communication and Transparency.

Best regards,

Jon

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Mr. Camp,

Boy you scare me to death. You are the last guy I would want to have anymore control over City contracts. I trust the City employees but I don't trust you. They do a great job.

Keep your nose out of it.

John rownd

Mary M. Meyer

To: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Subject: Charter Amendment--Proposition 1
Importance: High

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 11:16 AM
To: cwiebe7991@yahoo.com
Subject: Charter Amendment--Proposition 1

Curtis:

Thank you for your email enquiring on the effect(s) of the proposed Charter Amendment on professional service contracts.

You may have read about my "PACT", namely Process, Accountability, Communication and Transparency, that was the underlying principle for my recent legislation on the process to select professional services. Unfortunately, despite the great input I received from many people including my City Council colleagues and the Mayor's office, at the "11th hour" the City Attorney changed his position and determined the legislation would violate the City Charter.

So who is the winner? The citizens of Lincoln are. The City Council will provide a "balance" by being able to outline a process for the Mayor to follow in selecting professional services for the City. Again using the acronym PACT, there will be greater accountability and transparency, to highlight two of the goals. The Mayor will still have decision-making authority; the Council will merely have the authority to specify the process.

Recently the Lincoln Journal Star editorial board quoted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis: "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants".

This Charter Amendment will provide the citizens with "sunlight".

Again, thank you for your interest and I encourage you to follow this matter.

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From: Curtis Wiebe <cwiebe7991@yahoo.com>
Date: January 30, 2016 at 8:15:07 PM CST
To: jcamo@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: **Camp wants voters to change Charter, give council some control over service contracts**

Hello Mr. Camp;
I'm interested to now how this issue affects you.
Thanks
C.

Camp wants voters to change Charter, give council some control over service contracts
http://journalstar.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_acc79d55-f108-5bfd-b73a-308b9d84ea04.html